

## HURRAH! CANOEING TIME HAS ARRIVED

Hundreds of Lovers of This Sport Seek River—Potomac Flecked With Little Craft.

Hurrah! Canoeing time has come! Lured by the summer weather of yesterday hundreds of lovers of the sport sought the river and long before the sun reached the zenith the smooth surface of the Potomac was flecked with scores of the little craft, all with their bows turned upstream and each occupant eager to reach his favorite camping spot before some other picknicker beat him to it.

The young swain was there, clad in spotless white duck, and chatting merrily to his lady love, who peeped shyly from beneath her purple parasol, and insisted that he stop every time she spied a particularly fine bunch of dogwood blossoms. The confirmed bachelor was there too, with his pipe and Sunday paper, to say nothing of numerous small boys who had stolen away from Sunday School to enjoy the first swim of the season, at old Forty-foot Rock.

**Day a Record Breaker.**  
The day was a record-breaker. Never before in history, say the old boat-house keepers, have so many canoes been seen on the river so early in the year. May 30, in past years, has been about the earliest date when the first real rush to water has been made, and even then there were always ample boats to accommodate the crowds. And as for any great demand for canoes in April, it was not even thought of.

But yesterday was different. Before 10 o'clock in the morning every boat-house keeper along the Georgetown waterfront was turning away would-be canoeists.

Every available craft had been rented, and still they came. Each boat-house keeper, when his boats had been all rented, would send his patrons either up or down the river to the nearest boat-house, thinking that his house had suddenly become very popular, and never dreaming that the same condition existed with all of his neighbors.

"I never saw anything like it," said Pat Dempsey, who conducts the largest boat-house on the Potomac. "They began pouring into my boat-house early this morning, and there has been no let-up. I could have rented 100 more boats if I had had them. It looks like the Fourth of July instead of April 25."

**Most Own Their Boats.**  
The vast majority of Washington canoeists, however, own their boats, and these lucky ones made the most of the ideal weather, spending the entire day paddling along the picturesque shores of Virginia and basking beneath the overhanging cliffs of the Potomac. The sun was dropping behind the hills the water was for a few moments transformed to gold, and when this had faded in the evening twilight, the young moon, as though desirous of contributing her share to the joys of the day, made patches of silver among the rippling waves. Along these the picknickers journeyed homeward, the gentle splash of the paddles, an occasional ripple of merry laughter, or the twang of a guitar, being the only sounds that broke the stillness of the night.

The increase in the popularity of the sport during the last five years has been remarkable. In 1910 there were scarcely 500 canoes, all told, in the boat-houses along the Washington waterfront. Today there are 1,500 and indications are that the number will be increased to 2,000 before the season is far spent.

**Rush Started in 1911.**  
The rush started early in 1911, when Patrick Dempsey completed his first boat-house, just above Aqueduct bridge. The house had racks for 100 canoes, then considered a tremendous boat-house for Washington. They were all rented, however, before the roof was put on the house, and many were turned away during the summer because of lack of accommodations. To prepare for the 1912 season, Mr. Dempsey made an addition to his house during the winter 1911-12, bringing the total capacity to 200. These were immediately rented, and, in 1911, many were turned away.

Early in 1913 Dempsey made still a third addition to his boat-house, providing accommodations for 600 canoes, capacity larger than that of any boat-house in the United States, it is stated. The racks were eagerly rented, however, and today work is under way for a fourth addition to the giant boat-house which will make available an additional 100 racks, bringing the total up to 700, almost as many racks as are in all the other boat-houses combined.

**Safe If Properly Handled.**  
Although the growth in canoeing has been so great and hundreds of canoeists have been on the river daily throughout the season during the past five years, not one fatal accident has occurred that can be charged to the canoe, which has been long considered a frail and "unsafe" craft. Care is exercised at the boat-houses to see that only those who are experienced in paddling are allowed to take canoes out. Canoes are as safe as any boat, say the rivermen, if properly handled. To the novice all craft are dangerous.

**Closing of Loopholes  
In Drug Law Is Urged**

That Washington will never be entirely free from the drug evil until the laws are amended so as to stop all loopholes in the Harrison drug act, is the opinion of the Rev. J. T. Stocking, of the First Congregational Church. He discussed the subject of habit-forming drugs in Washington in the course of his sermon last night.

## THREE TONS OF ELEPHANTS DRINKING



Group of Star Performers With Ringling Brothers Circus. Babylon, On the Right, Is Declared By Some Scientists To Be Almost 300 Years Old.

## SCIENTISTS DISAGREE OVER ELEPHANT'S AGE

Babylon Said To Be the Oldest of His Species in Captivity. Examined With X-Rays.

How old is Babylon? Veteran of Ringling Bros.' trainload of elephants, he is thought to be the oldest of his species in captivity. Zoologists who have studied him disagree. Some maintain that he is almost 300 years old, while others think that he was born within the past two centuries. These students have examined Babylon with x-rays and counted the rings on his trunk after the fashion of naturalists when determining the age of giant trees.

Babylon was the first elephant owned by Ringling Bros., and traveled with them more than thirty years ago, when what is now an eighty-nine railroad car enterprise was a struggling wagon show. Now he is one of more than forty of his kind who make up the Ringling "heavy squadron." During Babylon's period of service he has visited every State in America many times, has crossed the Atlantic four times, and traveled over a million miles. How many peanuts this elephant is a question more difficult of solution than the problem of his age.

In the days when Babylon alone shared the elephantine honors with Ringling Bros., he was used to test bridges. When the wagon caravan came to one of doubtful construction the big fellow would advance upon it with obvious caution. His method of examination, such as swaying from side to side and trying out the stability of planking with his trunk, was as reliable as that of an engineer. Babylon is still active as a trick elephant and is a member of the largest of the five herds of jungle performers which will be seen

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## INTERMEYER TO AID RIGGS LITIGATION

Money Trust Investigator to Advise Williams and McAdoo as Counsel.

Samuel Intermyer, who was counsel in the Pulo money trust inquiry, will be retained as counsel for Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in their war with the Riggs National Bank officials.

This statement is made on good authority. Exactly in what capacity Mr. Intermyer will act is not defined, but the inference is that he will be personal counsel to the Treasury officials. It is asserted that his participation in the case will in no way interfere with the fact Louis D. Brandeis has been retained by the Department of Justice as special counsel.

Rumors of dissensions and the probable withdrawal of Mr. Brandeis, because he does not regard the case as one of such large public importance as to justify him taking a hand in it are still rife, but are denied in Government quarters.

The attitude of the Department of Justice is that it is called on to defend the Treasury officials only to the point where they have exercised their legal prerogatives. It is current gossip that there are some phases of the controversy in which the Department of Justice does not care to become involved, but officials are reticent about going into details. Mr. Brandeis has refused flatly to discuss the case for publication.

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## Chinese Will Study U. S. Markets and Business

A delegation composed of twenty-five honorary commercial commissioners from the Chinese republic, which is to leave Seattle May 3 on a seventy-day tour of the commercial centers of the United States with a view to studying American markets and business methods, will visit Washington May 26 and 27. Secretary Thomas Grant, of the Commerce Department, today received a letter from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, advising of the purposes of the trip, which is being given under the auspices of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast, and announcing the dates that the visitors will spend in this city.

About twenty-five cities will be visited by the commissioners, and representatives of the State Department and of the Department of Commerce will accompany them on their tour.

**Organ Prevents Panic.**  
RHOX CITY, S. D., April 26.—The playing of the pipe organ prevented a serious panic and loss of life when the interior of the First Baptist Church was wrecked by the explosion of the huge hot-water tank in the basement.

Swift & Company's sales of beef in Washington, D. C., for the week ending Saturday, April 24, averaged as follows: Domestic beef 11.42 cents. Imported beef 10.80 cents per pound.—Adv.

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Japanese Crab Meat, No. 1 can ..... 30c	Red Kidney Beans, 3 cans ..... 7c
Japanese Crab Meat, No. 1/2's can ..... 18c	Pure Jelly, tumbler ..... 25c
Gardenia Plums, can ..... 9c	Lowell Indoor Clothes Lines and Reel, each ..... 25c
Chocolate Almond Bars, 3 for ..... 10c	Iona Lima Beans, can ..... 7c

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Best Creamery Butter 33c lb.	<b>BLUE RIDGE OR BROOKFIELD Eggs, 22c Doz.</b>	Whole Milk Cheese 20c lb.
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